

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted Applicant's claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to the invention of Claims 1-9 and 19-36 or Claims 10-18. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because the Examiner's stated reason for the restriction (i.e., that the subcombination is a separate utility in that the computer-implemented system recited in Claim 10 can be used for recording patient information from other medical devices) is improper. Applicant has clarified in Claim 10 as amended that the computer-implemented system is intended for use with an external counterpulsation device having a plurality of inflatable devices adapted to be received about the lower extremities of the patient, a source of compressed fluid in communication with the inflatable devices, and a fluid distribution assembly for distributing compressed fluid from the source to the inflatable devices. Accordingly, it is Applicant's position that the invention of Claims 10-18 should be properly examined along with Claims 1-9 and 19-36.

To comply with 37 CFR 1.143, Applicant elects the invention of Claims 1-9 and 19-36, drawn to an external counterpulsation system for treating a patient and for providing/recording patient information.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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